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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Drew Griffin
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Re: Request for Schedule Extension - Section VIII
Town of Timmonsville and City of Florence Consent Decree
Civil Action No.: 4:13-cv-01522-RBH

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) have reviewed the City of Florence's letters, dated May 9, 2016 and June 9, 2016, requesting an extension to the schedule for two (2) projects required by the revised Safe Drinking Water Act Corrective Action Plan (CAP) submitted pursuant to Paragraph 61 of the Consent Decree. These projects are the Church Street Elevated Tank and the Upgrade to the Water Distribution System. In addition, the City of Florence proposed in these letters that an additional project be included in the revised CAP which entails developing a new off-site well to be used as a back-up source for the drinking water system. In these letters, the City of Florence proposed a new deadline of December 31, 2017, for the Church Street Elevated Tank project, a new deadline of August 31, 2017, for the Upgrade to the Water Distribution System, and a deadline of December 31, 2107, for the new off-site well project. In subsequent conversations among the City of Florence, the EPA, and SCDHEC, the City of Florence confirmed that it would be able to complete the Church Street Elevated Tank project earlier so that the new deadline for this project should now be October 26, 2017.

The EPA and the SC DHEC hereby approve these extension requests and the addition of the new project to the revised CAP. Therefore, the new deadline in the revised CAP for the Church Street Elevated Tank project is October 26, 2017, the new deadline in the revised CAP for the Upgrade to the Water Distribution System is August 31, 2017, and the deadline pursuant to the revised CAP for the new off-site well project is December 31, 2017. Further, the date set forth in Paragraph 61 of the Consent Decree for completion of all projects in the revised CAP is therefore modified from November 26, 2016, (twenty-four (24) months after SCDHEC approved the revised CAP) to December 31, 2017. The EPA and the SC DHEC also hereby agree that these revisions to the revised CAP constitute non-material modifications to the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, then please contact Mr. David Phillips of the EPA at (404) 562-9773 or via email at phillips.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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